

Funding Available for Transit Agencies Impacted by COVID-19

On September 7, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) [announced](#) the availability of \$2.2 billion in competitive grant funding for transit systems that can demonstrate a need for additional assistance due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Additional Assistance Funding, which is provided through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), can be used to cover a wide variety of operating expenses related to maintaining day-to-day operations, cleaning and sanitization, preventing the spread of viruses and maintaining critical staffing levels.

This funding will help those transit agencies most impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, as applications will be reviewed based on the level of financial need.

Applicant Eligibility

Eligible applicants include eligible recipients of [Urbanized Area Formula](#) funds or [Rural Area Formula](#) funds who, as a result of COVID-19, require additional assistance. This includes Indian tribes that are eligible recipients of Urbanized Area Formula funds or Rural Area Formula funds.

Eligible uses fall into these categories as they relate to the COVID-19 pandemic:



**Operations &
Maintenance**



**Cleaning &
Sanitization**



**Staffing &
Personnel**



**Debt Service
Payments**

Application Instructions

Applicants must apply via [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and attach the [supplemental form](#) to their submission.

In addition to completing the supplemental form, applicants must select the appropriate application package in grants.gov based on the corresponding Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA)/Assistance Listing under which the funding would be administered, 20.507 for Urban Area (5307 Program) requests or 20.509 for Rural Area (5311 Program) requests.

Applications for the program are **due by November 8, 2021** and the notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) is available for review [here](#). For more information on this funding, please review [this presentation](#) released by the FTA.

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